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SUBJECT: AFM MODERATE NAMED DIRECTOR OF O SECULO

1. MANUEL DA COSTA FIGUEIRA, CONSERVATIVE DIRECTOR OF LISBON'S LEFTIST MORNING DAILY O SECULO, WAS REPLACED FEB 17 BY A MODERATE MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, MAJOR AVENTINO TEIXEIRA. TEIXEIRA NAMED AFTER MEETING BETWEEN SECOLO EMPLOYEES AND MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO VITOR ALVES. GOP HAS RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN PAPER'S AFFAIRS BECAUSE PAPER'S OWNER, BANCO INTERCONTINENTAL PORTUGUES (BIP) PASSED INTO GOVERNMENT RECEIVERSHIP SOME MONTHS AGO.

2. COMMENT: FIGUEIRA HAS BEEN LITTLE MORE THAN A FIGUREHEAD DIRECTOR SINCE THE REVOLUTION. THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY WAS TRYING TO BUY THE PAPER. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES' CHIEF OF CABINET, FERREIRA DA CUNHA, TOLD EUR/IB COUNTRY DIRECTOR LUKENS FEB 17 THAT AFM HAD PUT "OWN MAN" IN AS EDITOR OF O SECULO. HE SAID EDITORIAL LINE, WHICH TO DATE HAS BEEN FAR LEFT, WOULD BECOME MORE MODERATE.

3. SECULO AND DIARIO DE NOTICIAS ARE THE TWO PRINCIPAL LISBON MORNING DAILIES. THE THIRD, JORNAL DO COMERCIO, IS LITTLE READ. AFTERNOON DAILIES, ALL TABLOIDS, DO NOT COME CLOSE IN READERSHIP OR INFLUENCE TO THE BIG TWO MORNING PAPERS.

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